

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, before FIELD OF THE INVENTION, please replace with the following paragraph:

RELATED INFORMATION

This is a divisional of co-pending application serial no. 09/515,356, filed on February 29, 2000, now United States Patent No. 6,660,833 issued on December 9, 2003. The priority of the prior application is expressly claimed, and the disclosure of each of this prior application is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.

On page 5, lines 6-11, please replace with the following:

Figure 1 is the amino acid sequence in three letter code of native human surfactant protein B (SP-B) SEQ ID NO:1.

Figure 2 is the amino acid sequence in one letter code of SP-B1-25 of native human SP-B1-25 SEQ ID NO:2 and the Cys 11→Ala 11 variant monomer SEQ ID NO:3.

Figure 3 is the amino acid sequence in one letter code of the SP-B1-25 Cys 11→Ala 11 variant disulfide linked homodimer SEQ ID NO:4 of the present invention.